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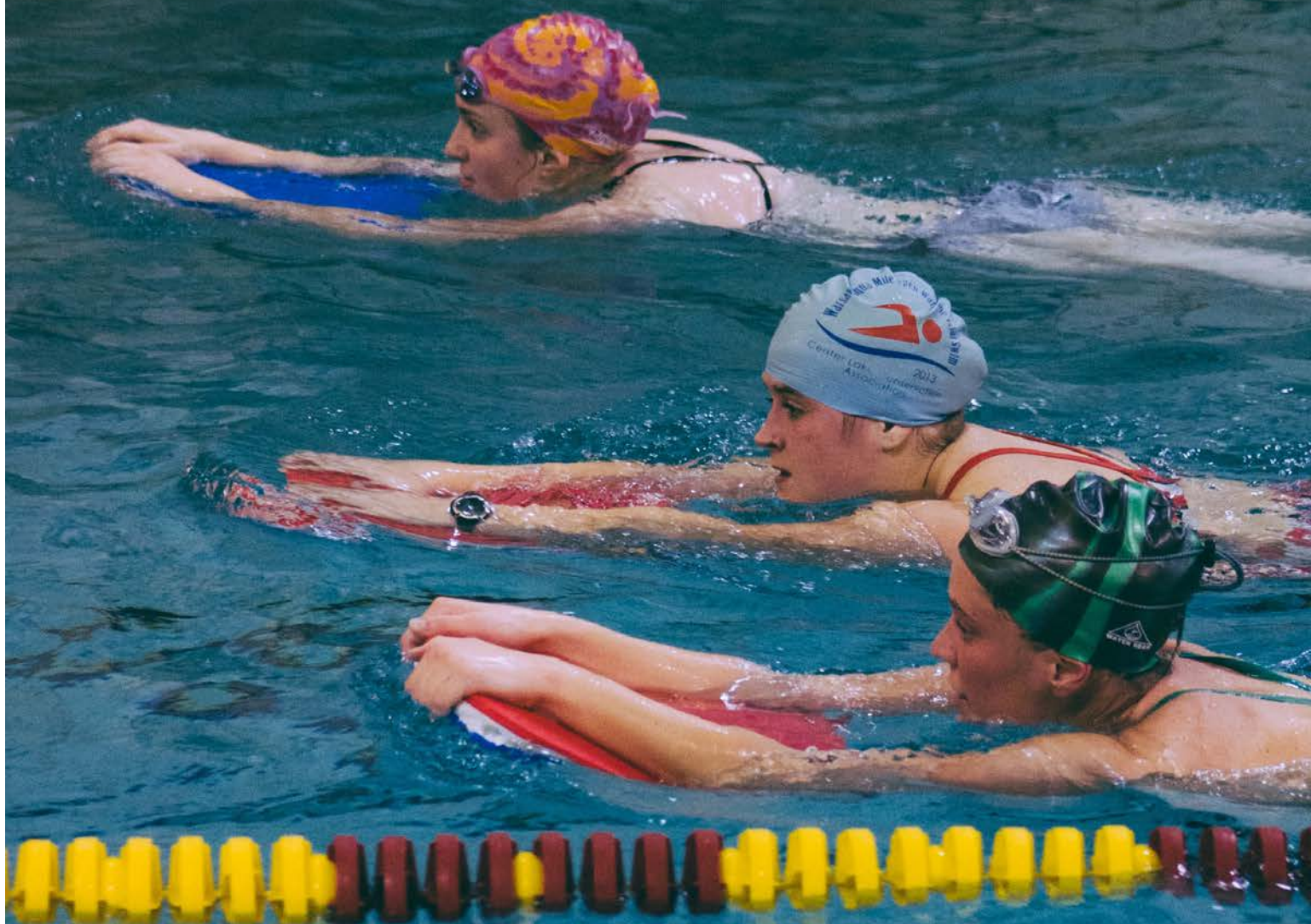
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# CEDARS

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## A New Stroke for Cedarville

In first semester, CU swim club founder happy with progress but hoping to grow





# Just Sayin'...

Something Worth Celebrating

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**D**espite the commercialized frenzy that can overwhelm the holiday season, the heart of the excitement around Christmas is really about family.



Becca Kochsmeier


It's about quality time with the people that drive you crazy. The lights, snow, decorations, carols, delicious foods and timeless traditions would lose some of their magic if you had to enjoy them alone. Loved ones that have passed away are missed most fiercely around the holidays because the celebration of the season just isn't the same without them. People from broken homes are often disappointed and saddened around this time of year for the same reason.

Christmas is also a time when believers in Christ celebrate his birth. And though we don't always recognize the full implications of this, his coming solidified our chance to be adopted into his family. His birth as a human – literally coming as God in the flesh – marked the beginning of a new identity, not just for him but for us as well. Imagine if he hadn't come in the way he did, if he hadn't humbled himself to the point of full dependence upon the humans he came to save. It's spellbinding, really. Because he came, we can be a part of an everlasting family as children of God.

Singer-songwriter Michael Card sums it up nicely: "All we could ever imagine, could ever hope for, He is ... He is the

Prince of Peace whose first coming has already transformed society but whose second coming will forever establish justice and righteousness. All this, and infinitely more, alive in an impoverished baby in a barn. That is what Christmas means – to find in a place where you would least expect to find anything you want, everything you could ever want."

Regardless of your earthly situation, if you belong to Christ, you are and will always be a part of his family. That, to me, is the essence of hope. Jesus came as an infant with a singular purpose: to offer us a chance at redemption and forgiveness. It cost him everything he had. It cost him his life. But because he came for us as one of us – Emmanuel, "God with us" – we have a promise and a hope that no trial, hardship or force of evil can take away from us. That's something worth celebrating.

As you finish up this semester and go on to make preparations for the holidays, remember to thank Christ for coming and preparing the way for adoption into his family. It's easy to shrug off after countless Christmas seasons and sermons, but don't. Instead, let the wonder of the incarnation stir within you a deep sense of thankfulness, humility and joy. In the words of the reformer and martyr John Huss, "Rejoice, that the immortal God is born, so that mortal man may live in eternity." 

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## Volleyball Team Wins G-MAC Title

The Yellow Jacket volleyball team beat Kentucky Wesleyan on Nov. 23 to win the G-MAC.

The 2013 championship took place Nov. 21-23 at Kentucky Wesleyan.

Earlier in the season on Nov. 15, the Yellow Jackets beat Trevecca Nazarene for the second time in the season but failed to earn the privilege of hosting the G-MAC tournament by losing to Kentucky Wesleyan on Nov. 16.

The Jackets took the Nov. 15 match 3-1 but lost the Nov. 16 match 3-2.

"They were running a slide attack against us that was pretty successful," head coach Doug Walters said of the match against Kentucky Wesleyan.

"We talked about firming that block up ... which we did a better job of in the third, (and that) helped us get some of the momentum back in the third set."

"Unfortunately, we don't get to do it here at home," Walters said of the G-MAC championship following the Nov. 16 match against Kentucky Wesleyan. 🍋

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## SGA Raises \$24,000 for GROW

SGA has raised about \$24,000 for its philanthropy project, Grace Refuge Outreach Worldwide (GROW), as of the beginning of December.

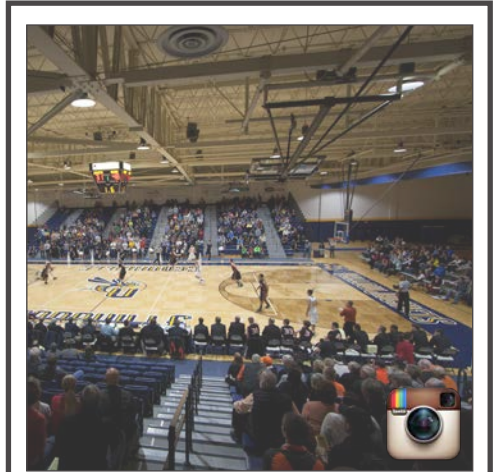
GROW is hoping to raise \$220,000 for a cafeteria and two new buildings, one of which is already 61 percent paid for, according to a pamphlet for the organization. Philanthropy director Hilary Murphy said SGA hopes to raise \$60,000 for the other building. That is about \$20 per Cedarville student.

David Butgereit, an assistant professor in Cedarville's nursing school, has been assisting SGA in meeting its goal.

For the next fundraiser, SGA wants to encourage Cedarville students to find other resources to give to GROW, Butgereit said. He said this would be near Christmas break. "You're going to spend money," Butgereit said. "Your family is going to spend lots of money. People in your church are going to spend ridiculous amounts of money on things that are fun to give, but we don't really need to." 🍋

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## Photo of the Month



*Jillian Philyaw, photography editor*

The men's basketball team competed against Findlay on Thursday, Nov. 14, but Findlay topped Cedarville with a score of 96-68. Keep an eye out for additional sports news at [ReadCedars.com](#).

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### Welcome to Cedars' Digital Page!

Each month, this page will contain content from Cedars' digital products – [ReadCedars.com](#), Facebook, Twitter and other social media – that you may have missed between print issues. Be sure to check it out every issue, and then visit us online in between print issues for timely content. The page is part of an ongoing effort by Cedars to better serve you, our readers, through our online presence. To aid in this effort, we have also just hired junior Mary Kate Browning into a new Digital Editor position. We look forward to better serving you in this way!

- Zack Anderson, managing editor

# December 2013/January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>8</b> - Community Christmas Concert	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> - Pause with Paws	<b>11</b> - DTR's Final Week Show	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
FINAL EXAMS						
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> - Grades due at 3 p.m.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
CHRISTMAS BREAK						
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> - Christmas Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> - New Year's Day	<b>2</b> - Men's and Women's Basketball vs. Kentucky Wesleyan	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> - Men's and Women's Basketball vs. Trevecca Nazarene
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> - Classes resume	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> - Winter Blast	<b>11</b> - Men's and Women's Basketball vs. Wilberforce
MISSIONS CONFERENCE						
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> - Studio Art Exhibit: Wisniewski & Lawler	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> - Men's and Women's Basketball vs. Davis & Elkins - Thursday Night Live	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> - Men's and Women's Basketball vs. Alderson Broadus
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> - The Dream	<b>21</b> - General Recital	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> - Charter Day Chapel - Blood Drive	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> - Winter Career Fair - Opening Night Winter Play: "Pride and Prejudice"	<b>31</b> - Li'l Sibs Weekend - Winter Play	<b>1</b> - Li'l Sibs Weekend - Tunes & Tales - M/W Basketball vs. Central State - Winter Play



# Little Art Theatre Tackles Big Changes



by Emily Paul

After a five-month renovation period, the Little Art Theatre in Yellow Springs has reopened to the public. With a new screen, new projector, new seats and new sight lines, this small-town theatre has been completely upgraded.

Jenny Cowperthwaite, executive director of the Little Art Theatre, said she had no choice but to renovate. The theatre had operated on two 35 mm film projectors for the past 60 to 70 years, but the film industry has stopped making movies on 35 mm film.

"We were going to be out of business if we did not transition to digital," Cowperthwaite said.

On top of that, the 36-year-old chairs were falling apart. Cowperthwaite said people complained about them, and at one point she was using duct tape to keep the chairs together.

And there was no incline in the theatre to help the audience see the screen. The bathrooms and lobby were too small. It was time for a change.

Because it became a nonprofit theatre in 2009, the Little Art Theatre had to raise the money to fund renovations.

First, Cowperthwaite and her board received a \$30,000 grant from the Yellow Springs Community Foundation. According to Cowperthwaite, this was the largest grant the

foundation had ever given and was such a vote of confidence.

Next, the Morgan Family Foundation granted the theatre \$250,000.

After this grant, Cowperthwaite and her board knew it would be possible to raise enough money to renovate the Little Art Theatre.

The rest of the money came from the board and members of the Yellow Springs community who have supported the theatre throughout the years. In the end, the money raised for the theatre exceeded their goal of \$475,000.

"I don't think we could have done it in another community," Cowperthwaite said.

The community's involvement in the theatre renovations can be seen on plaques throughout the theatre. Names of donors are on the back of every chair, below the famous house lights, even in and around the concession stand.

The biggest dedication to the community is displayed on an old film reel in the lobby, what Cowperthwaite calls the "donor wall." Those who donated the most money have their names printed on a film strip coming off the reel, with a special thanks to the Morgan Family Foundation and the Yellow Springs Community Foundation.

Cowperthwaite said one of the biggest concerns of the Yellow Springs community was that the house lights stay the same.

The house lights were painted by an Antioch student in 1947, Cowperthwaite said. During fundraising, many people from the community requested that the house lights stay.

"They have become the signature icon for the Little Art," Cowperth-

waite said.

The entire theatre was gutted and taken down to bare walls, Cowperthwaite said. In fact, the popcorn machine, the marquee and the house lights were the only things that stayed the same.

New concrete was poured to help create better sight lines for the audience. Cowperthwaite said 56 seats were given up in the theatre to expand the lobby and allow for bigger, handicapped-accessible bathrooms. With this additional space, there was room to create what Cowperthwaite calls the "Mojo Lounge" for people to relax in before and after the movie.

A new screen and digital sound system were big upgrades for the Little Art Theatre, but the biggest upgrade was the new projector, which will now project a number of independent and mainstream films digitally. This new projector has made preparations for each movie easier.

"It was overwhelming at first," Cowperthwaite said, who has been working with the 35 mm projectors since she was young.

However, after much practice, she said she found the digital projector is actually quicker and more efficient.

Another upgrade for the Little Art Theatre are new seats. Cowperthwaite and her team were able to find bigger seats with cup holders and movable arms.

Cowperthwaite said one of her favorite features of the theatre is the sound fold that now lines the walls of the theatre. This warm red acoustic fabric helps improve the sound during a movie.

"Everything about this facility is just fantastic," Cowperthwaite said about the final product, calling it the most exciting venue in Yellow Springs.

"It is not only about watching a movie," she said. "It is about immersing yourself in the experience that the movie intends for you to go on."

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Photos by Alex Grodkiewicz

The community helped fund the renovations at the Little Art Theatre in Yellow Springs. "I don't think we could have done it in another community," said Jenny Cowperthwaite, executive director of the Little Art Theatre.



SPOT STUDENT LIGHT

## Jonathan Bitner: Paper Architect

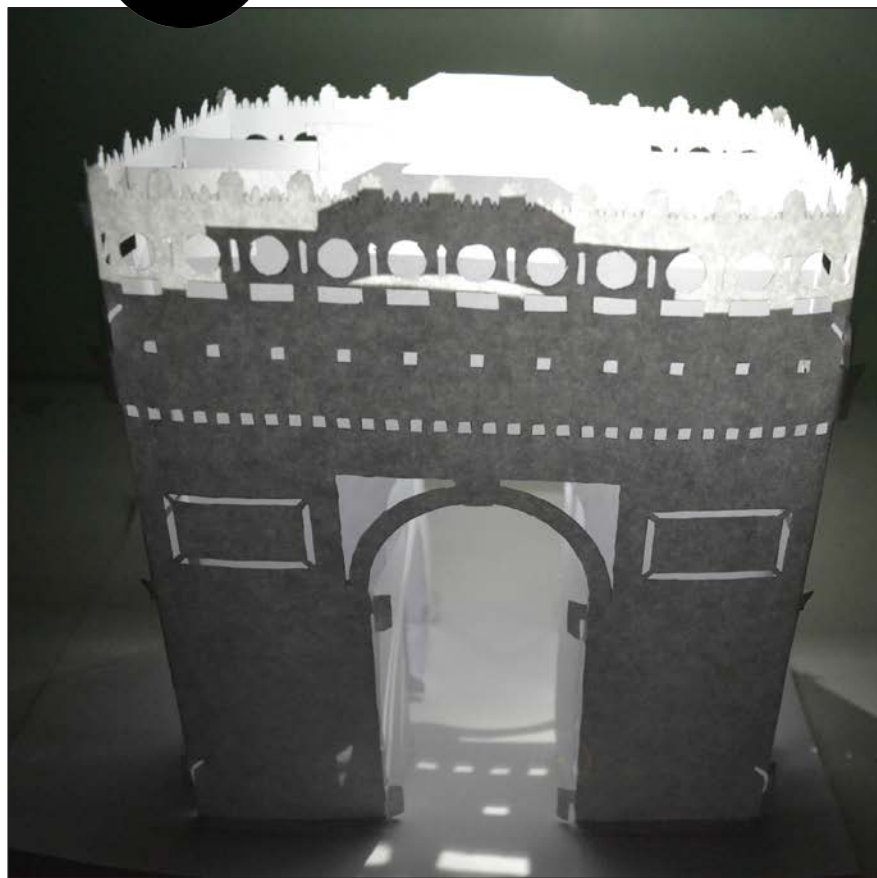


Photo Provided by Jonathan Bitner

Freshman Jonathan Bitner has used origami to recreate the Arc de Triomphe, a monument in Paris. More of his work can be seen on his Facebook page, "Jonathan Bitner Origami and Visual Arts." Bitner is a native of Lancaster, Pa.



Photo by Melissa Johnson

by Mary Kate Browning

**F**reshman Jonathan Bitner makes origami. But it's not only a casual hobby – he's even recreated famous monuments.

Bitner was first introduced to origami during his sophomore year of high school. His class was doing a project to raise money for people affected by the tsunami in Japan by making 1,000 paper cranes. The cranes were then sent to different organizations that would donate \$1-\$2 to Japan for every crane.

During this time, Bitner made about 500 cranes, and his interest in origami was sparked.

He began to look for more complex types of origami, such as modular origami, which usually involves 30 individual pieces added together to make one shape. Smaller modular pieces take Bitner two to three hours to complete, Bitner said.

Because origami takes such a long time to complete, he said it has helped him develop patience.

"When I show people something they've never seen before, it's really awesome to see the joy that's on their face," Bitner said. "Pretty much everything I've made so far I've given away to someone."

Freshman Katelyn Byram is one of the many people who have received Bitner's origami as a gift.

"The ability to have all that creativity to even start doing (origami) just blows my mind," Byram said.

Bitner's biggest origami accomplishment is a swan made out of 1,300 pieces of paper – a project that took 10 hours to complete. But then a coworker of his mom's accidentally knocked it down. However, Bitner says he can just rebuild it.

Byram, who worked with Bitner at a summer camp, gave him an origami instructional book as a high school graduation gift.

"It was hard finding a book that would challenge him," Byram said.

The book deals with architectural origami, and Bitner has put it to good use. Since then, he has recreated famous landmarks, such as the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe, entirely out of paper. His work can be seen on his Facebook page, "Jonathan Bitner Origami and Visual Arts."

In addition to his skill at crafting origami, Bitner knows about the art.

"It's kind of surprising to me that people

don't know what origami means," Bitner said. "From Japanese, it literally translates into 'folding paper.'"

Another misconception is that origami originated in Japan. Bitner said that the Chinese actually created origami but that the Japanese made it into a fine art.

Bitner, a native of Lancaster, Pa., said he thinks it would be cool to visit Japan one day to experience the thousand origami cranes firsthand.

"There's a tradition ... if you make a thousand cranes, one wish will be granted," Bitner said. "Because of this tradition, thousands and thousands of colored cranes are left at temples around Japan each year."

Although he hasn't had much time to work on origami since coming to college, Bitner said he hopes to continue doing it in the future.

"Once you develop an interest in something like that," Bitner said, "it just stays with you."

*Mary Kate Browning is a junior applied communication major and a reporter for Cedars. She loves coffee, goats and wearing her Batman backpack around campus.*



# Movie Review: 'Catching Fire'

Despite some comical acting, movie adaptation of second 'Hunger Games' book adequately portrays angst and injustice of story



by Becca Kochsmeier

The second installment of the "Hunger Games" series, "Catching Fire," hit theaters the weekend of Nov. 22. As the futuristic plot continues, a new level of intensity emerges on screen.

Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence), the victor of the 74th Hunger Games, finds herself in the midst of a tense and delicate political climate in the wake of her victory.

Because she outsmarted the leaders of the sadistic and relentless Capitol, Katniss has somewhat unwittingly become a symbol of rebellion as the districts are in the beginnings of an ever-strengthening uprising. When her attempts at pacifying the president fail, she finds herself back in the arena, this time facing experienced and lethal victors of the other districts.

The plot of "Catching Fire" is a little too complicated to sum up in a few paragraphs.

In fact, so much happens in the 2.5-hour film that some might find it a challenge to remember all that takes place. As expected, the love triangle between Katniss, Peeta and Gale continues, which only serves to further complicate matters.

However, the real focus of the film zeroes in on the unrest that is overtaking each character and the whole of Panem. The world they've known and despised is starting to slowly unravel as the anticipation deepens.

In many ways, the film stays true to the novel. Unfortunately, a few great moments in the book didn't make it into the movie, but such is the trend of book-to-film adaptations.

Even with those elements missing, "Catching Fire" does a good job of capturing the heart and emotion of the series. Moviegoers will likely

leave the theater frustrated and angry, not because the film didn't measure up, but because it successfully made the audience feel what the characters felt on screen. The injustice of what the Capitol does and has done breeds a deep sense of rage and indignation despite the fact that the plot is fictional.

The movie's biggest pitfalls came in the most intense moments. There were times when the action was so dramatic that it became almost comical. It's never a good thing when the audience starts snickering during what was supposed to be an extremely serious moment.

This isn't necessarily something that could have been remedied; it's a very arduous task to take a 400-page novel and cram all the action into two and a half hours without overwhelming the audience. In light of this difficulty, the producers actually did a good job with the resources they had.

Lawrence's acting in "Catching Fire" was excellent, a noticeable improvement from the first film. The others did a quality job as well. Some new characters – Finnick (Sam Claflin), Johanna (Jena Malone), Wiress (Amanda Plummer) and Beetee (Jeffrey Wright) – were perfectly cast in accordance with the characters from the book. They were just as many readers had imagined them.

All in all, "Catching Fire" turned out to be a decent rendition of a complicated story, a story that is far from over. The film ends with a lead-in to the next movie, "Mockingjay – Part 1," to be released in November 2014. For those who haven't read the books, it's going to be a long year waiting to find out what happens next.

Of course, there will be another year of waiting after that to see how the entire story comes to an end in "Mockingjay – Part 2," but that's okay. For now, fans of the series have the chance to see a fairly accurate rendition of the second novel and to catch the fire of fury that ultimately consumes the angst-ridden film.

Becca Kochsmeier is a senior journalism major and arts & entertainment editor for Cedars. She thinks Twitter is silly and would rather make endless Vines of her cat.

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Arts & Entertainment Editor





# Childhood Toys: A Retrospective

Students remember their favorite childhood toys

by Anna Dembowski

**C**edars asked what childhood toys were students' favorites. Here's a glimpse of how students spent their leisure time before they ever encountered the words "final exams."

## Buzz Lightyear

For senior Drew Saur, the toy that said "To infinity and beyond!" was the best. He received a Buzz Lightyear talking action figure for Christmas just months after he had seen "Toy Story," the first movie he watched in a theater.

Saur recalled the two other phrases his toy would say: "Buzz Lightyear, Star Command, reporting for duty," and, "Come in Star Command. Star Command, do you read me?"

Saur said he did nearly everything with Buzz Lightyear, his first "older-kid" toy.

"I made it strike poses," he said. "I made it battle my Legos. I made it fly."

Saur said the toy became even more meaningful to him four years ago when his family visited Disney World in celebration of his high school graduation. Buzz Lightyear was standing near the Buzz Lightyear's Space Ranger Spin attraction, and Saur said he was able to meet him.

"I told him, 'Buzz Lightyear, you were my first toy,' and he gave me a hug," Saur said. "We struck poses together – my mother has pictures. It was the best thing in the world. I was like, 'My life is complete.' I was the happiest man alive."



## Transformers

Freshman Michael Sprague said a different kind of action figure was his favorite toy. Transformers – the toys that are two toys in one – are hard not to like, Sprague said.

"You can have a car or a jet or a tank or whatever, and it can turn into a giant alien robot," he said. "What's not to like in that?"

Sprague said his favorite kind of Transformers were the Decepticons, but he enjoys collecting the toys that resemble the original characters in the Transformers TV show that began in the 1980s. How many Transformer toys has he collected?

"Too many," Sprague said, "over a hundred."

## Legos

The toy that has never-ending options is Legos, according to students David Yoder and Cody Martin.

"It's not set to one specific thing you have to do (with them)," senior Yoder said. "You can build them like the instructions say, of course, but there's still that element of creativity inherent in the toy. It's the idea that you can create whatever you want."

And Martin, a freshman, said he did create whatever he wanted.

"I could build a house one day, tear it down and build a car the next day, tear it down and build a whole city out of Legos," he said.

Yoder said that although the Star Wars and Bionicle Lego sets were his favorite, he would modify the sets he had to be able to make something different.

"I had tons of spare parts, so I'd go and change what I didn't like about the set," he said, "and that was one of the coolest things for me."

Martin said building cars from Legos was his favorite aspect of the toy.

"I really liked to race them down the steps to see how durable they

were, and then I would try to build them to make them stronger," he said. "It didn't really work because I was little and didn't understand that Legos could only withstand so much torture before they just fell apart."





## American Girl Dolls

Senior Gwen Phillips said her American Girl doll Molly was her favorite childhood toy. Phillips said she changed her doll's name to something other than Molly and cut her doll's hair to a shorter length so that her doll would be unique.

"She didn't look like any of the other American Girl dolls, and my mom made outfits for her," Phillips said, "so she had her own kind of special little outfits. She was a different kind of doll than the Barbies or the baby dolls."

Phillips said she also sewed decorations for her doll's makeshift bedroom.

"Much to my mother's chagrin, I cleared out everything on my nightstand and made it a bedroom for (my doll)," she said.

Phillips said much of her playing was left up to her imagination.

"When I played, I created stories," Phillips said. "I sat there and had conversations with my doll and my sister's doll. That's how we played."

## Beanie Babies

Sophomore Lindsey Cymbalak said she cherished her bright orange Beanie Baby giraffe named Twigs. Although she had 20-30 other Beanie Babies – including bears, birds and kittens – Twigs was her only giraffe. Twigs was special because it was something Cymbalak had wanted, she said.

"I had seen it behind a glass display, and it was like my lifelong dream to have that giraffe," she said. "I got it, and I was so happy."



## A Different Kind of "Toy"

For freshman Kristen Henck, the outdoors was her toy.

"My fun was digging holes and getting dirty and stuff like that," she said. "God's jungle gym is basically how I view it."

She said being able to imagine things was what made the outdoors attractive to her.

"I used to pretend I was a prisoner of war, breaking out of prison camps and pretending I was like 'Hogan's Heroes,'" Henck said. "You can do whatever you want."

*Anna Dembowski is a sophomore journalism major and an arts & entertainment writer for Cedars. She likes nearly anything that is the color purple and enjoys spelling the word "agathokakological."*

*Wishing you a blessed Christmas!*

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The Cedarville Swim Club practices at Central State University's pool on Monday and Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons.



# A New Stroke for Cedarville

In first semester, CU swim club founder happy with progress but hoping to grow



Photos by Jillian Philyaw

The Cedarville Swim Club's first meet was at Ohio State University. The club competed against thirteen other schools, finishing 11th.

by Beau Michaud

Swimming has finally come to Cedarville's campus, in the form of a club team – the Cedarville Swim Club.

Sophomore Stephanie Huyser spearheaded the birth of the new sport at Cedarville. Huyser, a sophomore early childhood education major, said she wanted to start a club team immediately upon getting to Cedarville.

Huyser has been swimming competitively since eighth grade and said she was disappointed when she realized Cedarville did not have a team but was very motivated to start a club because of her affinity for swimming.

She said she started the Cedarville Swim Club because she "couldn't have lived another year without swimming."

In fall 2012, her freshman year at Cedarville, Huyser went to student life to inquire about creating a club. She said the toughest part of creating the club was a combination of finding enough participants and writing the constitution.

Writing the constitution required a six-hour car trip with her family to hash out the details. Huyser said she spent an entire car ride writing the three-page constitution that

**"One of the first things I looked for at Cedarville was to see if they had a pool and if they had a swim team. To my dismay, they didn't have either, but by God's grace, I came here anyway."**

*Grace Poulin*  
Swim Club secretary

was mandatory for club status.

To help her with the writing and organizing of the project, Huyser said she based the swim club constitution on the recently formed Cedarville University Rugby club team. She said using the rugby team's constitution as a guide was helpful in formulating a similar document for swimming.

When asked about the hardest part of writing the constitution, Huyser said the apparel was the most difficult.

Cedarville has a dress code most schools do not have, so she had to thoughtfully process how to make a dress code that was suitable for Cedarville and appropriate as competitive swimwear, Huyser said.

Huyser acts as not only the president and founder of the swim club but also as its coach.

"Right now, I write the workouts, and occasionally someone else will write a workout, and they will lead practice," Huyser said. "But most of the time, it's me coaching the team."

The secretary of the swim club, junior Grace Poulin, came to Cedarville looking for a swim team to join.

"One of the first things I looked for at Cedarville was to see if they had a pool and if they





About 10-12 of the around 20 members of the Cedarville Swim Club come to practice at a time. "I am so grateful for how many people show up," Huyser said. She said it's rewarding to see these students stay faithful to the swim club and sacrifice their time for swimming. Huyser also said she hopes the swim club will continue to grow over the years.

had a swim team," Poulin said. "To my dismay they didn't have either, but by God's grace, I came here anyway."

Poulin said Huyser approached her when Poulin was a sophomore and invited her to help start the swim club. Poulin said the swim club really started to grow after that initial talk.

Right now, the newly formed Cedarville Swim Club is using Central State's pools for its early morning workouts. The team practices at 6:30 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and also on Thursday afternoons.

Huyser said it was hard to find enough people to come workout off-campus at an inopportune time. The swim club has roughly 20 people total, but only about 10-12 people come to practice at a time.

"I am so grateful for how many people show up," Huyser said.

She said it's rewarding to see these students stay faithful to the swim club and sacrifice their time for swimming.

Because of swimming's popularity, Huyser said bringing this sport to Cedarville's campus garners interest from prospective students.

"We have had prospective students email us wondering about our swim program," Huyser said, "because that's a lot of the deciding factor for people is if their sport is represented."

Huyser said the swim team can become a great asset for Cedarville. Although she feels a lot of work needs to be done – for instance, having a pool on campus would be a vital step toward improvement – Huyser said she thinks they are off to a great start. She said that it is a young program, and she is hopeful for continual growth over the years.

Poulin said the club wants to represent Cedarville in the sport of swimming.

"I would love to see the swim club grow and have a more scheduled season," Poulin said, "including meets that we would attend and events for other Cedarville students to support us at."

Huyser and Poulin both said Cedarville building a pool on campus is important. They said the Cedarville Swim Club will have a hard time growing without a pool on campus.

The swim club began competing against other teams this fall. It had its first meet at Ohio State University, where the club competed against thirteen other schools. Although the club finished 11th, Huyser said she was extremely happy and impressed at how her team did in its first competition.

She said she is hopeful they will have two more meets in spring 2014. Although the team would love to travel and compete on a regular basis, Huyser said a limited budget makes this difficult. The team can only afford to travel so far and so often in a given semester.

Huyser said the Cedarville Swim Club is very young, and they need more time to grow and gain popularity. She said she would love to have more students' attention on the swim team.

"I would love for the club to eventually become a team at Cedarville," Huyser said. "I think it would be a great addition for Cedarville and attract lots of students."

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# German Keeps Students Going to Jail

by Kate Norman

Several nights a week, a handful of Cedarville students go to jail.

Cedarville's community ministries provide students with several different ways to serve in the community. Some students serve by going to Clark County Jail to minister to the inmates.

Ben German, a Cedarville junior, said when he was a freshman, he looked for a ministry to get involved with that would stretch him and allow him to share the gospel. He found one at the jail.

German said he did the ministry his freshman year, but no one was operating it his sophomore year. He emailed John Wambold, director of community ministries, and officially restarted the ministry.

German said they have about 17 or 18 people who regularly come, but they break up into smaller groups of three to seven people to go on different nights to talk to the inmates.

He said they are each given the name of an inmate for them to visit with, and then the guys and girls split up to talk to different people. The guys go upstairs where they talk individually with inmates through a phone booth. The girls go downstairs and outside where they talk to the women through a fence.

German said he encourages people to try to stick with the same person if possible to build a relationship with them. However, since jail is short term and people are usually only in for about a month, the students might not be able to talk to the same inmate each time they go, said Sarah Powazki, a sophomore who leads the team that goes to the jail on Tuesday nights.

"So most of the time, we'll talk to someone as they're going through the whole process," Powazki said, "and that point when they're in jail is usually when they're completely broken down because they just got in there, and they don't know what to do, and they have no idea what's going to happen with their future."

German said it is easy to talk to the inmates because they usually just want to talk to someone.

"It's nice because the inmates, when they come in, they've been on their guard all day long with the other inmates, and they haven't been able to really open up and express their feelings or emotions," German said. "And so generally, they're really ready to talk when you get in there with them."

Powazki said she was nervous her first time going, but she soon realized it is nothing to be scared of because the people there are just like anyone else.

"It's just talking to people, and they're not scary people just because they're in jail," Powazki said. "And you just get so blessed from the whole experience and getting to hear the stories. It's not stories that I hear every day where

I live and the environment that I'm in. It's not Cedarville. It's awesome to be able to talk to people and hear their story and just tell them about Christ."

Greg Thorpe, a junior who leads the Wednesday night team, said at first it just seemed like God was using them to plant a seed for the gospel rather than directly winning people to Christ.

"But over the past 10 months, the amount of change that God has made in that place is phenomenal," Thorpe said in an email. "It started out as a little flame and flicker of hope for the gospel in such a dark place. But going into the jail today and seeing the gospel at work is like stepping into a fire – the gospel's all around you, and it's consuming everyone. This semester a lot of inmates have been won for Christ, and a lot of lives changed for the better."

Each of the students has special memories from the ministry of breaking through to someone. German said his memorable success story for this semester was talking to an inmate named Dan and leading him to Christ. German said he hadn't even anticipated going to the jail that night, but he ended up going because someone needed a ride. And God set it up for him to talk to Dan.

German said Dan was broken over his sin and addiction to drugs for 20 years, among other problems in his life, to the point that he couldn't sleep at night and was crying when he talked to German.

"He was just amazed when I told him that God loved him, and God could forgive him from all the horrible things that he'd done," German said. "And so he wanted to think about it over that weekend, but I came back on Monday, and he professed Christ that week, which was just incredible."

Dan told German when he gets out of jail in a few weeks, he wants to spend more time with German and go to church with him.

Powazki said her best experience was when she talked to a woman who claimed to be a Christian and had been involved in My Church in Springfield and had been doing well, but when she left that atmosphere, everything fell apart.

"Really, it was just so evident that she was completely basing her faith on how she felt, not on God," Powazki said. "She was literally missing God in the whole thing."

Powazki said she could tell that the woman did not have a true understanding of what it meant to be a Christian, but the two worked

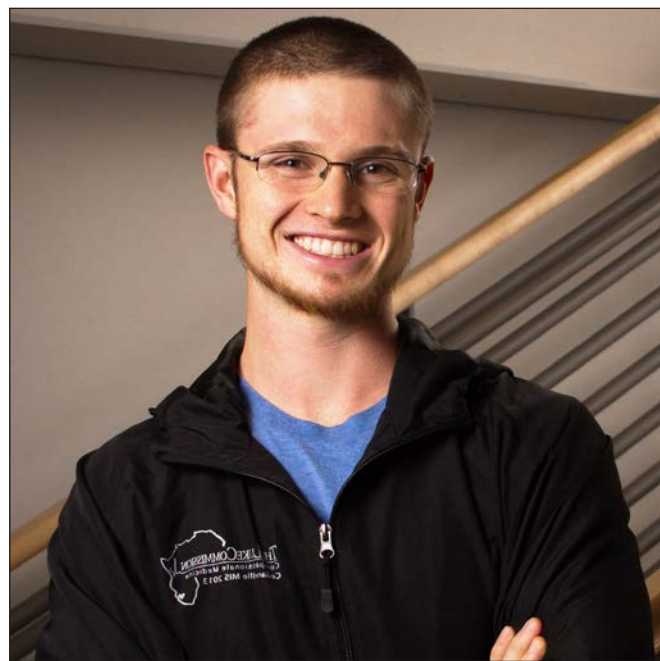


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Junior Ben German restarted the Clark County Jail ministry his sophomore year.

through it in their conversation.

"By the end, she was in tears, and I was just so excited because she was understanding it," Powazki said, "and you could just see that God was completely working in her right at that moment."

"I was like, 'You haven't lost your faith. You just stumbled, and that's OK, and it's time to get back on track,'" Powazki said. "And she was like, 'Yeah, that's what I want to do.'"

"It was so cool and so evident that when we put our faith in God, that God completely has a hold of us, even when we fail," Powazki said. "We still can fail as Christians, and it'll happen. And whether it's just saying a little lie or going into relapse with drugs, God still has a hold of us and still wants us to come running back to him, and we have that chance."

Thorpe also had a memorable experience of leading someone to Christ.

"My favorite experience was definitely after an inmate had just devoted his life to Jesus, and he goes, 'I'm so thankful for you, my dude,' and puts his fist up to fist bump me through two panes of bulletproof glass," Thorpe said via email.

German said the ministry stretches people to get out of their comfort zones.

"It gives you a great avenue to actually share your faith in really not a threatening environment," German said, "because they want to talk about God."

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# Summer School Strategy

Cedarville giving 4+ credit discount, adding May term student life activities

## Comparison of Summer School Prices

SCHOOL	YEARLY TUITION	SUMMER TUITION PER CREDIT HOUR
<i>Cedarville University</i>	\$26,220	\$767 (0-4 CREDITS)/\$575 (4+ CREDITS)
<i>Concordia University Irvine</i> <small>A Lutheran liberal arts school of 3,200 students located in California</small>	\$29,000	\$370
<i>Messiah College</i> <small>A Christian liberal arts school of 2,800 students located in Pennsylvania</small>	\$29,650	\$450
<i>North Park University</i> <small>A Christian liberal arts school of 3,000 students located in Illinois</small>	\$23,290	\$490

SOURCES: CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY, CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY IRVINE, MESSIAH COLLEGE, NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

Graphic by Radleigh Wakefield

by Emily Finlay

Cedarville is making the summer school experience more affordable and enjoyable, said Jewerl Maxwell, associate dean for the Center for Lifelong Learning.

For at least summer 2014, students can receive 25 percent off summer school tuition for every credit hour over four credits, the Center for Lifelong Learning recently announced. This means that students taking more than four credit hours will pay \$767 per credit for the first four credits and \$575 per credit for any additional credits.

Maxwell said the discount is the result of a two-year search for a way to make summer courses more affordable. Maxwell said President Dr. Thomas White has indicated that he wants to put an emphasis on affordability, and the discount is another step toward that goal.

"As I've gone through various proposals," Maxwell said, "it kind of came back to maybe the best way to accomplish this is to reach out to those who are taking more than one class."

Maxwell said as they worked through different ideas, they realized that this was the best way to increase affordability.

"We do recognize that typically those who are taking more than one class are doing it because they need to," he said. "Perhaps they need to get ahead in terms of a major, maybe they are trying to add a second major, perhaps they're trying to graduate early. And rather than cost being prohibitive for them to use

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*Jewerl Maxwell*

Associate Dean for the  
Center for Lifelong Learning

that as a strategy, we wanted it to actually be helpful to them if they were taking a second class."

Maxwell said they are currently unsure if they will continue the discount past this summer, but they will review its productivity and success and move forward from there.

For students Ali Bigler and Jordan Gates, both early childhood education majors, the discount comes at an important point in their education. During May term, both students are planning on completing the Early Childhood Generalist Endorsement program, which is required for teaching above the third grade. And, as Gates said she was told this might be the last time the four-class, nine-credit program is offered at Cedarville because of changes in Ohio law and interest in the course, the discount comes at an opportune time.

"Of course, Cedarville's tuition rate is expensive, so it helps a little with the debt, and if it can help a little, that's really nice," Gates said. "It made me feel better about taking my May term courses this year."

Along with May term classes, Maxwell said, the discount also applies to online courses and any credits that fall within the summer IV category, which includes internships, independent studies and out-of-class courses.

"There were thoughts to, 'Should we strategize and try to grow May term? Should we try to grow online?' and I didn't want to target either one of those, really," Maxwell said.

"I wanted it to help as many students as possible."

Along with affordability, the Center for Lifelong Learning is working to create a new, more enjoyable May term experience. Maxwell said the center, which has received multiple requests from students who missed the atmosphere of the school year during the summer, is partnering with student life to provide more events and activities for students taking May

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*Becky Stowers*

Associate Dean for Campus Life

term classes.

Becky Stowers, associate dean for campus life, said they want to provide stress-relieving activities – which may include mini ALT nights and discount tickets to nearby attractions – on weekday evenings or weekends.

Bigler said the added activities would be a fun option during the additional weeks of classes.

"I would probably do stuff like that," she said. "Because while you're here, you're in such intense classes, and having something fun to do would be great."

Stowers said they hope the added activities will be a highlight for the students staying at school for the summer term.

"It is really a great time to get credits in or if you need a couple classes to lighten loads for other semesters," Stowers said. "It's a great time, and if we actually add more fun activities with it, it's a little bit more incentive to do it as well."

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# Minor, Stoney Cornerstone of Main Street Change



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Taylor Minor and his family bought this storefront in 2008, opening Stoney Creek Roasters and The Neapolitan over the next five years. "The building had a certain personality to it naturally," Taylor said. "We had the ability to play off the building's own architecture."

*by Nate Spanos*

**A**s downtown Cedarville expands, Taylor Minor and his family have played a significant role in its development.

Taylor – an entrepreneur, father of three and Iraq War veteran – is also the owner and operator of Stoney Creek Roasters.

From the start, Stoney Creek has been a family endeavour.

"My parents and I started it as (equal) owners," Taylor said. "We bought the whole building in 2008 and in August opened the coffee shop."

Taylor said when they started Stoney Creek, they financed it with credit cards and personal savings.

"The first year I worked about one hundred hours a week for a year straight," Taylor said. "I would open and close, so it was very taxing on family."

His grandmother, Hilda Taylor, remembers that strain.

"I never saw him," she said. "He worked a lot."

The work paid off: her grandson only works mornings now, although his involvement with the business hasn't diminished.

Taylor said he likes going to other restaurants to figure out why they do what they do.

"Once you understand how it works, you can understand why it works," Taylor said. "Then you can translate those principles to your own business."

Taylor used a similar tactic soon after opening The Neapolitan in September 2012. Aiming for simplicity, he only offered one size and three flavors. After listening to feedback and observing successful business practices, Taylor developed more choices for customers.

The Neapolitan was the Minor family's

last-minute brainchild. They originally used the storefront as storage and warehouse space. When it came time for renovation, the Minors decided the space's proximity to Main Street was too valuable to use as storage and chose to open an ice cream shop instead.

"We asked what business we could put in that would help diversify (the town), that would complement Stoney Creek, that doesn't take up too much space and fits with what we do," Taylor said of the choice. "We sell a stupid amount of milkshakes, so we knew that people like ice cream. We decided, pivoted and two months later we opened."

Taylor and his family have been developing the building since Stoney Creek's origin in 2008. Then it consisted only of the narrow strip from front door to back door. What Cedarville students see today emerged from the Minor family's constant renovation.

"The building had a certain personality to it naturally," Taylor said. "We had the ability to play off the building's own architecture."

In their efforts to enhance the building's personality, the Minors chipped plaster off the brick walls, put in a new floor and replaced the ceiling.

The Minors also designed the decor to feel welcoming. Taylor's younger brother Levi attributes Stoney Creek's atmosphere to the styling of his mother.

"Her style is decorating and creating a unique place," Levi said. "She loves Americana. If you're at our house, it kind of looks like this."

Many Cedarville students appreciate the homey atmosphere.

"It is a nice environment to talk to people or to do work," Cedarville junior Kate Ritchie said.

Taylor said he and his parents chose authenticity over pizzazz.

"The business is an open book," he said. "We are who we are and nothing else. We wanted a style that did not look fake and also that made people feel right at home. If you can develop something that looks natural in its setting, it will survive."

Stoney Creek's survival is due to more than the decor. It's the Minor family's hard work that has brought Stoney so far.

"I wasn't privy to millions of dollars of extra cash sitting around, so we had to take it slow," Taylor said. "We have been trying to remodel a little bit at a time and turn Stoney Creek into something that can generate revenue and be sustainable. We've got a 20-year vision."

Now in the fifth year of that vision, Taylor said he thinks that Stoney is entering a new stage.

"In the last five years, we have grown a lot," Taylor said. "The next two to three years will be more of an optimization: honing business practices and procedures, fine-tuning the business machine, its ability to run on its own."

As of now, nearly every element, from billing to ice-cream making, is kept up by Taylor or a close relative. But Taylor and company intend to change direction.

After determining precisely what must be done to make Stoney Creek self-sufficient, Taylor said he wants to make a framework that keeps the business functioning while promoting creativity.

"(A business owner's) job is more to make a playground for people to operate in rather than making drones," he said. "You set the equipment where you want it to be, you set the rules, and you let people be themselves. Nobody wants to be a drone, not having any creative license."

The responsibility of synchronizing all of Stoney Creek's moving parts ultimately falls to Taylor.

"I have a certain amount of knowledge because I built everything," he said. "I can hear the hum of the refrigerator and tell you what's wrong with it."

Taylor and his parents planned ahead



Stoney Creek owned and operators Taylor Minor says he wants to manage a workplace that promotes creativity. "(A business owner's) job is more to make a playground for people to operate in rather than making drones," he said.

when it comes to consolidating Stoney Creek's business procedures.

"We put a lot of effort into designing the business from the ground up," Taylor said, "so we don't get down the road and find out that what we've made is impossible to consolidate."

What does this mean for Stoney Creek's future?

"I don't know," Taylor said. "It could be simply just selling more coffee, getting more of a following or even opening up a store somewhere else, although that's the least likely."

Whatever happens, Taylor said he knows it is going to take a lot of time and effort to think through and develop a plan of action.

"You are not going to get it right the first time," Taylor said. "You hope to get close to getting it right and then fix your mistakes. I know that the success of the business isn't about the insignificant things. It's about longevity. If you've got a good product, you keep it simple, and you will stick around."

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# Prayer and Politics = Problems?

Cedarville professors say Supreme Court will uphold prayer in government meetings

by John Adams

**D**uring the U.S. Supreme Court's current term, prayer in government meetings is being addressed at the national level for the first time in 30 years.

The Supreme Court heard opening arguments for the *Town of Greece v. Galloway* case on Nov. 6. The issue in question is the legality of local governments opening their legislative sessions with prayer.

Susan Galloway, a Jew, and Linda Stephens, an atheist, challenged the town of Greece, N.Y.'s, practice of opening board meetings with a prayer, which began in 1999.

According to Jewell Maxwell, an assistant professor of political science, Cedarville's status as a private institution means that it is unlikely the case will directly affect the university. If the court rules against the case, a domino effect may limit prayer in a variety of places, he said.

Mark Smith, an associate professor of political science at Cedarville, said he agrees a decision against the town of Greece, N.Y., would start to classify religion as out of bounds in public settings.

"If we question the ability of a city council to open with prayer, we have to question other things such as the national motto, the Pledge of Allegiance and anything bearing a religious image," Smith said. "I do not think the court wants to go down that path."

The First Amendment's establishment clause says, "Congress shall make no law re-

specting an establishment of religion."

Amy Howe, an attorney and former instructor at the Harvard Law School, wrote for the Bloomberg Law legal blog that Galloway and Stephens contend that opening with prayer was violating the establishment clause by endorsing Christianity.

According to Maxwell, the town's prayers do not violate the establishment clause.

"If we trace the First Amendment back to its founding, it specifies Congress," Maxwell said. "I do not think the (Founding Fathers') understanding of the clause was that this was going to go down to a state or local level. Even if the (town's prayer) is an endorsement, I don't know that that's a problem."

Smith said the framers wouldn't view Greece's prayer as an issue because the establishment clause was meant to prevent a formal institutional relationship with a church, not an informal one.

"The town's prayer probably is endorsement," Smith said, "and I don't care."

Both Maxwell and Smith said they disagreed with the Supreme Court's decision in *Everson v. Board of Education*, handed down in 1947, which applied the establishment clause to the states.

The last Supreme Court case to address prayer in government was *Marsh v. Chambers* in 1983, which upheld the ability of the Nebraska legislature to open sessions with prayer.

Stephens and Galloway said the prayers in Greece's town council meetings were more coercive than those given in Nebraska, according

to Howe. Those attending meetings felt obligated to take part in the prayers if they wanted to have their permit granted or opinion heard by council members.

Maxwell said he disagrees.

"When you are going to a political forum, there are going to be a lot of things said that you do not agree with," Maxwell said. "You can invite someone to a church service and a prayer is said, and that does not automatically mean they are involved in the prayer."

Stephens and Galloway also argue that the prayers in Greece are too sectarian, Howe said.

Smith said he believes that while the Supreme Court has found sectarianism to be an issue in settings such as public schools, they should more closely examine what it means to be sectarian.

"Christianity is not sectarian," Smith said. "It is a religion that is much broader than a particular sect."

"If we look at what 'sectarian' has meant historically, we are talking about very small units of religion that fragment and fracture on very particular pieces of theology that could be the mode of baptism or the understanding of communion," Smith said. "These (Greece's) prayers do not get into these things at all."

Maxwell said he believes the court will rule in favor of the town and uphold the precedent set by the *Marsh v. Chambers* case.

Smith said there would likely be four strong votes on either side of the issue but said he cautiously believes the court will decide in favor of Greece, N.Y.

While Smith said he believes ruling against the town would be too much of a legal stretch for Justice Anthony Kennedy, he said that it would not surprise him since Kennedy voted against prayers in public school settings in the 1992 *Lee v. Weisman* case.

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## PRAYER IN COURT

**1774** The First Continental Congress opens with its first prayer.

**1947** The U.S. Supreme Court applies the Establishment Clause to the states in the case of *Everson v. Board of Education*.

**1983** The U.S. Supreme Court decides *Marsh v. Chambers*, upholding the ability of states to open legislative sessions with prayer.

**1999** The town of Greece, N.Y., begins opening its board meetings with Christian prayers.

**2007** Susan Galloway (Jewish) and Linda Stephens (atheist) file a lawsuit against Greece, N.Y., for its alleged endorsement of religion.

**2008** Greece, N.Y., begins opening board meetings with non-Christian prayers.

**2010** The last remaining justice to have participated in *Marsh v. Chambers*, Justice John Paul Stevens, retires from the U.S. Supreme Court.

**2012** The Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit rules against Greece, N.Y.

**2013** Upon appeal, the U.S. Supreme Court hears arguments in the case of *Town of Greece v. Galloway*.

**2014** The U.S. Supreme Court will deliver its ruling in the case by summer.

Sources: Office of the Chaplain-U.S. House of Representatives, Fox News, The Dyez Project

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# Ohio Concussion Law Affecting Trainers

by Laura Jani

**O**ne second. That's how long it took for two soccer players to collide as they were going for the header that would decide the game. Senior athletic training major Ben Dixon recognized the concussion right away because he has been trained to look for the signs and symptoms exhibited by the player.

House Bill 143, Ohio's return-to-play law, went into effect on April 26. The law imposes training, safety and symptom awareness requirements on youth sports organizations across the state, according to the Ohio Department of Health.

Before the law was passed, Ohio had no regulations for removing a student athlete from the field for a concussion or any other injury.

The law – which affects interscholastic sports from peewee level through high school – says if an authority at the game suspects a student athlete has a concussion, that student should be pulled off the field immediately. The athlete is not allowed to return to play that day. Additionally, sidelined competitors cannot return to play until they have been cleared by an appropriate health care provider.

Dixon said most Cedarville athletic training clinical instructors have reviewed the return-to-play law with their athletic training students, and the athletic trainers in the high schools were eager to teach the students about the law.

Dixon learned about the return-to-play law from the athletic trainer he worked with last spring. He said the law is in the athletes' best interest and something that should have been done sooner.

Athletic training professor Chris Cross said enforcing this new law will be difficult.

"Back when I was playing high school sports, if you got hit in the head, you got your bell rung, it was a badge of honor," said Cross, who is also the head athletic trainer at Cedarville.

"You still have those old-school coaches who think the player will be fine," Cross said. "It's really trying to shift culture, trying to shift a mindset."

According to Cross, only 40 percent of high schools in Ohio have athletic trainers. Often, the coach is the one who decides whether to remove an athlete from a game. Coaches were not required to have experience in diagnosing or man-

## CONCUSSIONS BY THE NUMBERS



### Less than 10%

of concussions actually result in loss of consciousness.

### 48

Hours after injury within which concussion symptoms can develop

### Over 173,000

Number of youths treated annually in emergency rooms for sports-related concussions

### 110

Percent increase of ER visits for sports-related concussions among Ohio youth from 2002 to 2010

### About Concussions

Concussions are traumatic injuries which alter how the brain functions, usually resulting from a blow to the head, which causes the brain to bounce back and forth.

Common symptoms of a concussion include the following: nausea, vomiting, difficulty concentrating, headache, blurry vision, sensitivity to light and change in sleeping patterns.

### Sources:

Ohio Department of Health  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

more today, which is increasing awareness," said Hannah Stedge, athletic training clinical education coordinator.

Becca Williams, a senior athletic training student, said during her clinical rotations, the severity of the injuries she has encountered has ranged from minor incidents where the athlete is back in a week to injuries preventing the athlete from returning to play for over a month.

Williams said if an athlete has a history of several concussions, he will get concussions more easily, and each concussion will take longer to heal than the last one. Williams is currently working with an athlete who has had her sixth concussion.

Williams said dealing with an injury has a physical and mental component, she said, and concussions can negatively affect an athlete's ability to concentrate in class.

"Going to Cedarville, you have the whole spiritual aspect to consider as well," Williams said. "You have to remind the athlete that God is in control of the situation."

Dixon said athletic training students are basically part of the team they are working with.

"You get to develop relationships with the athletes, coaches and athletic training staff," Dixon said.

Often times, athletes will not tell the trainers of an injury right away.

"We can only do as much as we can with the information the athletes give to us," Williams said. "It is important for us to work with the team closely and build their trust."

Dixon said athletes sometimes fake a low score on a preseason test that measures brain function.

"Some people try to cheat the system the first time so that if they do get a concussion, it will seem like they are normal," Dixon said.

Cedarville students are required to annually review the National Collegiate Athletic Association's concussion protocol.

Additionally, athletic training students take an upper body injury management class, which details how to recognize and manage concussions and other brain and spinal cord injuries. A junior-and-senior-level class further explores how concussions affect athletes.

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aging concussions before the law was enacted.

Now that the return-to-play law is enacted, the next step is having an athletic trainer on the sidelines of every high school game, Cross said.

"If we do not change the culture, and we keep sending kids out there," he said, "we are going to predispose our student athletes to a myriad of problems."

"The media is publicizing concussions a lot



# Alumni in Illinois Face Tornado Ruins



Photo Provided by Connie Huff

Volunteers from Global Compassion Network help tear down Cedarville alumnus Connie Huff's home, which was destroyed by the Nov. 17 tornado in Washington, Ill.

by Mary Miller

**A** series of over 20 tornadoes hit central Illinois on Nov. 17. Over 300 Cedarville alumni live in affected areas, according to alumni relations.

The city of Washington, Ill., received the brunt of the storm's harm, with over 1,000 homes damaged or destroyed and one life lost, according to ABC Chicago. According to the Peoria Journal Star, another person died a week and a half later of related injuries. The EF4-level storm traveled 46 miles on the ground before dissipating.

## The Cedarville Connection

Connie Huff, a 1986 graduate, lost her house in the storm. Huff, who was at Bay View Baptist Church in Washington when the storm hit, said she originally was not concerned because she thought it was merely a flash flood. It was not until she and her family returned to their neighborhood that she understood the extent of the storm's devastation.

"I first saw the duplexes across the street from us, and they were completely flattened," Huff said. "When we finally could see our house, it was all caved in. My heart stopped because our two German Shepherds were in the house."

The walls of the house had collapsed, and the ceilings were missing. When she found a tub and mattress lying in their living room, Huff said she thought their dogs were underneath them. However, shortly afterward a neighbor came to their door with the dogs, saying they had been found down the street.

"Once I saw our dogs were not harmed, a

complete peace came over me," Huff said. "I was OK, my kids and husband were OK, and the dogs were unharmed."

The basement remained intact, which Huff said was a blessing because the family photo albums, tax papers and other important documents were stored there.

Huff's son Garret and daughter Erica both lost all their belongings. Huff said they adjusted well once they realized everything they had lost was replaceable.

"I had to laugh at my son when we first went into the house and realized his bedroom was no more," Huff said. "First thing he said after we figured out where our dogs were was, 'Oh man, my Xbox was in my room.' He's a typical teenager."

Philip Ausfahl, a 2000 Cedarville graduate, and his wife Charisa, a 2001 graduate, were both in a church service at Bethany Community Church in Washington when a church leader interrupted to announce there was a tornado warning and that everyone needed to take shelter. Both Philip and Charisa went to join their four young children, who were in Sunday school.

Philip said the tornado could be heard through the walls shortly after they took shelter.

"It sounded something like the world's largest freight train engine driving the world's largest chipper at full speed with an enormous roar of wind to stitch it all together," Philip said. "My father-in-law later said he could feel the vibration in the concrete floor under his feet. The noise lasted for a minute and a half altogether."

## Midwest Tornado Outbreak Slams Illinois

The Nov. 17 storms accounted for more than half of the tornado warnings issued in Illinois since 1986, according to the National Weather Service. In addition to Washington, the Illinois communities of New Minden, Gifford, Pekin and Coal City were also hit by significant tornadoes.

New Minden, about 50 miles southeast of St. Louis, was also hit by an EF4-level tornado. Two people were killed when their farmhouse was destroyed, and two injuries were reported. Winds over 160 mph were recorded along the tornado's 10.6-mile-long path.

Pekin, a city of 34,000 near Peoria, was struck by an EF2-level tornado with winds reaching 120 mph along a two-mile path that damaged or destroyed about 100 homes.

Gifford was hit by an EF3-level tornado with winds of 140 mph and a path 24 miles long. Four hundred homes were destroyed, and six injuries were reported.

A tornado near Coal City had wind gusts reaching 135 mph, making it an EF2-level tornado.

Charisa said after the weather cleared and they were able to leave the building, it appeared the tornado had passed within 1,000 yards of the church.

## Search and Rescue

Philip, an EMT, said he began to survey the destruction as soon as the tornado passed. He and an EMT/firefighter began a house-to-house search for victims.



Photo Provided by Charisa Ausfahl

When returning home after the tornado, Cedarville alumnus Charisa Ausfahl passed homes and vehicles damaged beyond repair, including this car, which was impaled by debris. "Our town had been reduced to a massive sea of sticks," Ausfahl said.

"I was not prepared for what I saw," Philip said. "No streets were visible. No yards were visible. No trees or houses were standing. No landmarks remained. The landscape looked like someone had taken every house, tree, car and personal possession and put it in a blender with no top. I could not orient myself to where we were because of the continuous, unending sea of debris around us."

In two of the first houses they encountered, Philip and his partner found one woman in each house trapped dangerously close to leaking gas pipes.

"I became very thankful to be working with a firefighter who was more accustomed to dealing with uncontrolled gas," Philip said. "I half-thought and half-prayed that I needed to stay alive to see my family tomorrow."

Philip said they found a ladder and were able to help the women to safety. Of the victims they encountered, few were seriously injured.

When Philip left to help with search and rescue, Charisa prepared their children for their return home. The community center that houses the church was designated as a triage center, and she said she wanted to shield the children from the sight of the incoming victims.

She found their unharmed van in the church parking lot and began the journey home.

"Our town had been reduced to a massive sea of sticks," Charisa said. "Complete neighborhoods were gone. It took us about an hour to drive our usually seven minute drive home. Roads were blocked with debris. At one point, we were driving on the sidewalk to al-

low emergency vehicles to get into the area."

After their long drive, the Ausfahl family found their house still standing without any damage.

## Taking Shelter

Debbie Jo Hodges, a 1988 Cedarville graduate and mother of Cedars design director Jenni Hodges, was also at Bethany Community Church when the tornado struck. As the church children's ministry director, Hodges was responsible to lead the children's Sunday school classes to the storm shelter.

"By God's grace, we had practiced that (tornado) drill a month before," Hodges said.

Over 100 children and a few adults gathered together in the central room designated

as a tornado shelter, Hodges said. When the building lost power, parents pulled out their phones to provide light.

"We kept the children singing songs partly to keep them calm and partly to prevent them from hearing the noises from outside," Hodges said. "It was precious to hear those children sing 'Jesus Loves Me,' 'Jesus Loves the Little Children,' and 'My God is So Big, So Strong and So Mighty.'"

The group took shelter for about an hour before they could leave safely.

## The Scope of the Destruction

The wave of thunderstorms on Nov. 17 brought destructive winds and tornadoes to 12 states: Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Iowa, Missouri, Tennessee, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York. A total of 24 tornadoes touched down in Illinois between approximately 10:50 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., according to the National Weather Service.

"What we saw was 1,484 homes categorized as either completely destroyed or with major damage," Illinois Emergency Management Agency director Jonathon Monken said to CNN.

The National Weather Service said Washington's tornado had winds between 170 and 190 miles per hour, giving it an EF4 damage rating. The tornado created a path one-eighth of a mile wide from one side of town to the other. According to the American Red Cross, out of the 200 people injured by the rash of tornadoes, about 120 of them were residents of Washington — a city of 15,000 about 140 miles southwest of Chicago, according to the

city's website.

## The Aftermath

In the aftermath of the tornado, a 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew was imposed on the city of Washington and admittance to affected areas was only granted to residents of certain neighborhoods.

Huff and her husband slept in their basement the night after the tornado.

"We didn't want to leave in fear that we wouldn't get back in," Huff said.

She spent the next three days working with family members and volunteers from Bay View Baptist Church to clear the yard and empty the house, which needed to be torn down.

"(Members of) an organization called Global Compassion Network came up to my husband and asked what they could do for us," Huff said. "He told them, 'I need our house torn down.' They said, 'Give us 45 minutes, and we will have everything there to do it.' They had it down, and all hauled away by the end of the day. God has just put all the right people in the right places just when we needed them."

Bethany Community Church started sending out work teams the following Monday at 8 a.m.

"I have been leading BCC teams every day they have been sent out," Philip Ausfahl said. "The Saturday following the disaster, BCC sent out over 100 teams and over 1,000 people into the disaster area."

Charisa Ausfahl said she was part of one of the teams that went into the community that Saturday. Her team moved two families into temporary apartments and cleared a field and an apartment complex courtyard.

"Since streets had been identified and cleared, the goal was to get debris to curbs to be hauled away," Charisa said. "I remember driving away at the end of the day. The debris was piled as high as our 12-passenger van on both sides of all the streets. It was like we were driving through tunnel after tunnel of debris. It was overwhelming."

The recovery process is more complex than simply the physical cleanup of damaged homes and neighborhoods.

"A few days after the storm, my boys were playing with their cars, and I heard their toy sirens," Charisa said. "I froze as all the emotions swept over me again, and I was physically ill."

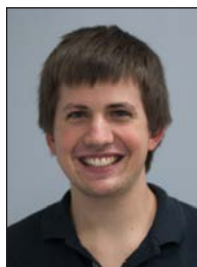
One day shortly after the tornado, Hodges said she wrapped a couple of Christmas presents.

"I cried," Hodges said. "A few days before, I was sifting through the rubble of someone's home. They found something, and they said, 'That was going to be a Christmas present for my daughter this year.' It's even hard for those of us who didn't lose anything."

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# The One Tornado That Mattered



**Zack Anderson**

**T**hanksgiving Day, my family and I sat around my Aunt Becca and Uncle Kevin's dining room table at their home in suburban Chicago, playing a friendly game of Apples to Apples.

Two days later, on Nov. 30, I was picking up handfuls of the familiar red and green apple cards from a front yard in Washington, Ill., and throwing them away. But in the yard was no house, only what was left of one: plywood, pieces of drywall, bricks, old newspapers, an unsigned check for \$10.50, a Bush-Quayle 1992 election sign and honors biology homework.

At 11:06 a.m. on Nov. 17, just 13 days earlier, an EF4 tornado tore a southwest-to-northeast path of destruction through the middle of Washington – the central Illinois town I've lived in all my life, one of about 15,000 people, three hours south of Chicago.

In the one minute the tornado took to pass through Washington, it damaged or destroyed over 1,000 homes and killed one person, with a second dying from related injuries a week and a half later.

No one expected this.

My parents didn't expect to wait out the tornado – probably less than half a mile from where they were – for 45 minutes in the hallways of the community center where my church meets. Nor did they expect the trip home to take three times as long as usual as roads were closed and filled with debris.

They were trying to get to my grandma's house.

"You had to make a u-turn," my mom said, "and they would just turn everybody around."

My 16-year-old sister Sarah Beth didn't expect to be able to see halfway across town as she drove home. But flattened neighborhoods allowed her to do so.

"There were just people kind of like wandering in the streets already by that point," Sarah Beth said.

Sitting in Tyler 102 working on a group project, I didn't expect to receive a text from Mrs. Harner, my TPC professor, asking if my family in Illinois was safe from the tornadoes. And after a quick Google search, I didn't expect to see a photo of miles of destroyed homes, the photo eerily hashtagged with #WashingtonIL.

I hadn't been that worried in a long time. I called my mom, my dad, Sarah Beth and my grandma with no answer. My out-of-state brothers didn't answer, either.

I finally got a hold of my friend Casey as he was driving out of Washington. It was crazy over there, he said.

When I did finally hear from my parents, they said both the family and the house were

fine. But, glued to the news and my Twitter feed for the next week, I learned that all of Washington was not as fortunate.

I never expected Washington to be the big story of the day. News of the central Illinois tornadoes was on the front page of The Wall Street Journal, USA Today and other major papers.

I never expected The New York Times Facebook page to post a photo of a destroyed Washington. Millions of people who had no idea the city existed now do. In this case, that's not a good thing.

After the tornado, Washington quickly became filled with not only news media but also volunteers. On the Saturday after, my parents

helped clean up at a duplex.

"When we were working at the duplex, it was kind of eerie," my dad said. "The duplex was by an apartment building, and the roof was taken off, so you could see the top-floor apartments, kind of like a doll house. All the furniture was there – setup. You could see people's computers on their desks."

Most unexpected, no one ever imagined the tornado to be as destructive as it was. When my family was waiting out the tornado at church, my 8-year-old sister Emma was separated from my parents. But my mom said she wasn't too worried about her.

"I just assumed that nothing would happen," she said.

"I didn't think it'd be that bad," my sister Sarah Beth said, "because every time that they had a tornado siren, it wasn't anything really."

About a week after the tornado, Washington Community High School, where my sister is a junior, sent teams of students out to help with the recovery efforts. My sister went with the basketball team. While cleaning debris out of a cornfield, my sister said one of the players found an Apples to Apples card.

It was a green card: "Overwhelming."

Overwhelming, indeed.

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*Sarah Beth Anderson*  
Editor's sister

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# You're Wrong, Toys R Us

Toys aren't bad, but the outdoors has a lot to offer



**Erik Johnson**

Some of my favorite childhood memories took place when my family used to go camping: catching frogs at the pond, passing the swim test at the lake to use the slide after years of failing, watching bats fly after rocks we tossed into the starry sky and enjoying campfires with sticky and sweet treats. Without these memories, my childhood would be almost unrecognizable.

Maybe that's why a recent commercial by Toys R Us bothers me. While the commercial does not exclusively state anything, the overall message is that nature is boring and toys are really cool. The sad part is not the commercial itself. The truly sad part is that whatever research methods Toys R Us used to develop the commercial campaign revealed this message would appeal to kids. But nature has some valuable lessons to teach us.

One lesson nature teaches is that we are much smaller than our culture likes to believe. Have you ever been stuck on the top of a mountain during a thunderstorm? Or stood on the beach as a tropical storm was passing through? Or maybe just stared into the vastness of space on a clear summer night with the aurora borealis cascading by? It's scary to realize you aren't in control, and maybe that's why people don't go out into nature as much anymore. Inside our comfortable homes we have the world at our fingertips. But outside, we have no control.

Another lesson nature teaches is that hard work is rewarded. There is no mountaintop experience without first having to climb a mountain. And even after climbing the literal or figurative mountain, sometimes the reward is not of extrinsic value, but intrinsic. As an Adirondack 46er, I can attest to this in the sense of literal mountains. Not every mountaintop is going to be better than the last one, but you will be a better person for having climbed it.

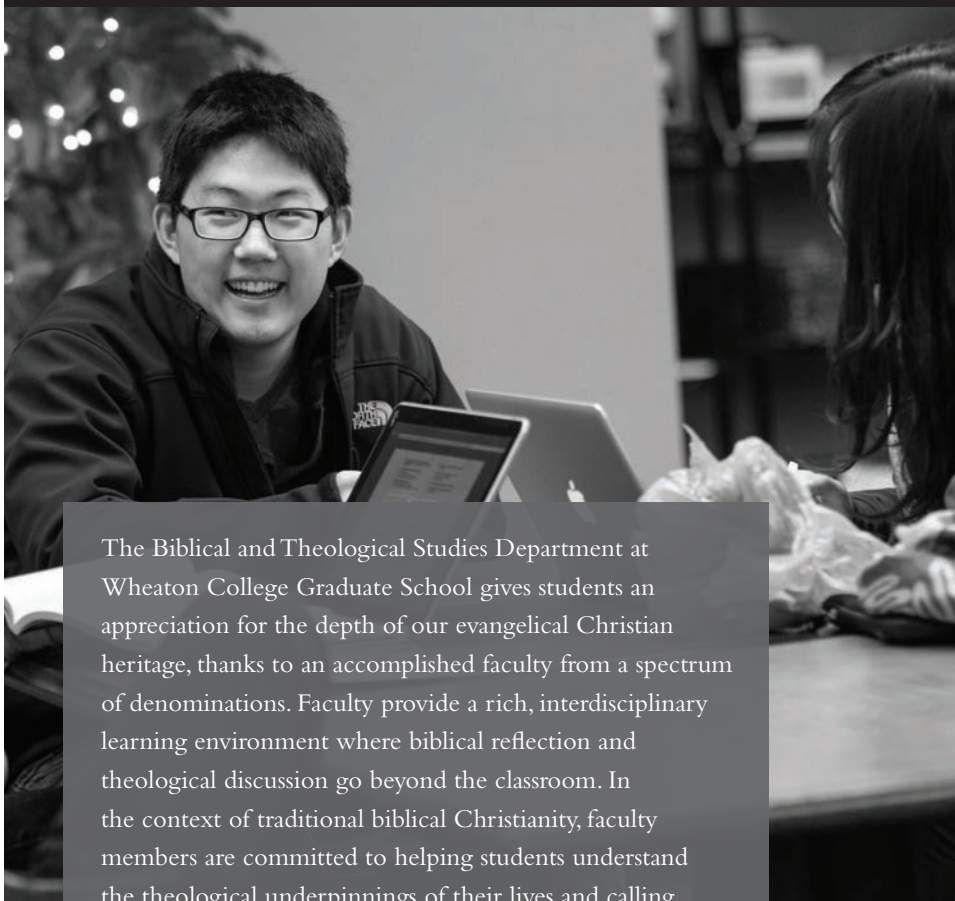
We can also learn to enjoy the moment from nature. This can be seen in a lot of ways, but one is how kids take advantage of snow days. On a typical snow day, most kids are capable of shoveling a driveway or driveways; building, arming and destroying fortresses; building a snowman for mom; creating a ramp to sled down; placing a jump at the end of the ramp; making snow angels; burying a friend in snow; eating snow; taking a short break to warm up with a mug of hot chocolate; and repeating it all up to three times. Nobody enjoys the moment more than a child on a snow day. They understand that snow may not last until the next day, and even if it does, school will probably be open. Sometimes as "grownups" we forget to enjoy where we are because we are too busy looking ahead.

Please don't misunderstand me. This isn't a rant about why toys are evil and nature is great. Toys and kids were meant to be together. Need proof? Just look at "Toy Story." Kids even had dolls as far back as "Mulan." Sure, the legitimacy of these sources is a little questionable, but don't miss the point. Toys play a significant role in the development of children. Where would I be today without my Super Soaker or toy lightsabers?

But we cannot forget that nature has a role and teaches all of us some valuable lessons. And it is anything but boring.

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# Campus Christmas 2013



*Photos by Jillian Philyaw*

SCAB hosted the annual Campus Christmas event the night of Friday, Dec. 6. Denver and the Mile High Orchestra performed – the last time they were at Cedarville for Campus Christmas was in 2010. Other activities included midnight breakfast and karaoke in Chuck's, cookie decorating, pictures with Santa, and ice skating in Up-Chuck's.